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MEMORANDUM FOR: Major O'Keefe

1 June 1981

SUBJECT: Location of UH-1H

The following information was acquired through debriefing of an undeveloped source concerning the location of a missing UH-1H helicopter. Source was first debriefed on 27 March 1981 and subsequently on 30 May 1981.

1. Source states that from an unidentified town with an old Spanish mission and buildings with facades, looking in a northerly direction, there can be seen a loaf-shaped hill/mountain (see sketches 1 and 2, dated 27 Mar 81). Beyond this loaf-shaped mountain is an east-west valley with possibly a creek running through it (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81). On the north side of this valley is a higher mountain. Source feels that the crash site is located on the southern slope of this larger mountain, approximately 400-500 yards up the slope from the floor of the valley (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81).
2. Source feels that there may be, or may have been an Indian village located 3-4 miles west of the crash site, near the source of the creek that runs through the valley. There may be several huts or shacks at this location. Source is not sure if this village can be spotted from the air (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81).
3. Source was asked if he was familiar with a geographical landmark known as "Piedra Blanca". He felt that it might be located somewhere northwest of the crash site, but could not be sure. Also in a northwesterly direction from the crash site (approximately 310° true) he seemed to recall something about a tower, possibly a microwave tower (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 81).
4. Source was asked if there were any unique terrain features associated with the crash site. He stated that there appeared to be a linear "cut" in the pattern of the trees, running parallel to the base of the mountain. He feels that this "cut" may be caused by a flat ridge or a specific contour peculiar to the slope of this mountain. Source estimates that the crash site is located at approximately this level on the mountainside. (See sketch 1, dated 30 May 81 and artist cutaway concept).
5. Source appears to have difficulty in judging distances. The estimated distance between points of reference obtained during this debriefing did not coincide with the debriefing conducted on 27 March 1981. On 27 March 1981, source estimated the distance between the crash site and the town to be approximately 18 miles (see sketch 2, dated 27 March 1981). During subsequent debriefing on 20 May 1981, source estimated the same distance to be approximately 9 kilometers (see sketch 2, dated 30 May 1981). However, source's spatial relationships between all noted terrain features remain consistent regardless of assigned values.

NOTE: All information provided in this memorandum is unconfirmed and unevaluated.

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MEMORY SKETCH #1
DATED: 27 MARCH 1981

HIGHER
MOUNTAINS

CRASH SITE
18 mi ON
FAR SIDE OF
VALLEY RISING
CREEK

NONDES
HILL ON
R.

'LOAF SHAPED HILL

GENTLE
SLOPE

STEEP

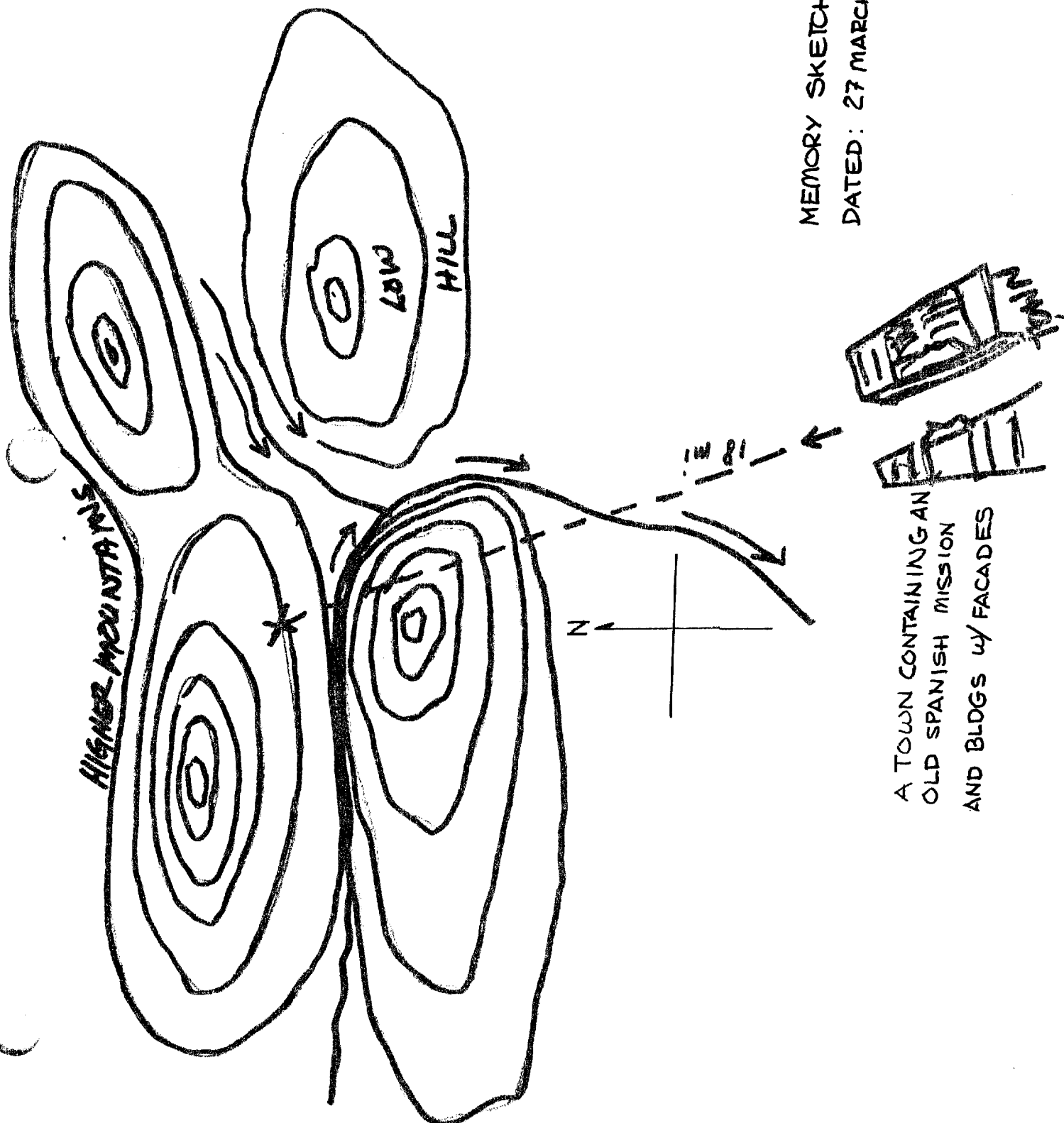
12 o'clock

WOODEN
RAMSHACKLE
WITH
BLOGS
? FACADES

20-25'

DIRT STREET

old Spanish
mission



MEMORY SKETCH #2
DATED: 27 MARCH 1981

A TOWN CONTAINING AN
OLD SPANISH MISSION
AND BLDGS w/ FACADES

MEMORY SKETCH #1
DATED: 30MAY81

LOOKING NORTH FROM CREEK
AT TREETOP LEVEL

LIKE A MICROWAVE
RELAY (Sketch #2)

SECOND HILL TO LEFT OF
FIRST, HAS THE TOWER
ON IT.

A ROUND MOUNTAIN
NOT A ROCKY CRAGGY one, but one
covered in foliage

310°(±) to
PIEDRA BLANCA
30 km(±)

CAN POSSIBLY
SEE SOME SCORCHING OF
TREES ON THE UP HILL SIDE
OF THE "CUT"

Jungle
TREES

← CUT BENEATH TREES

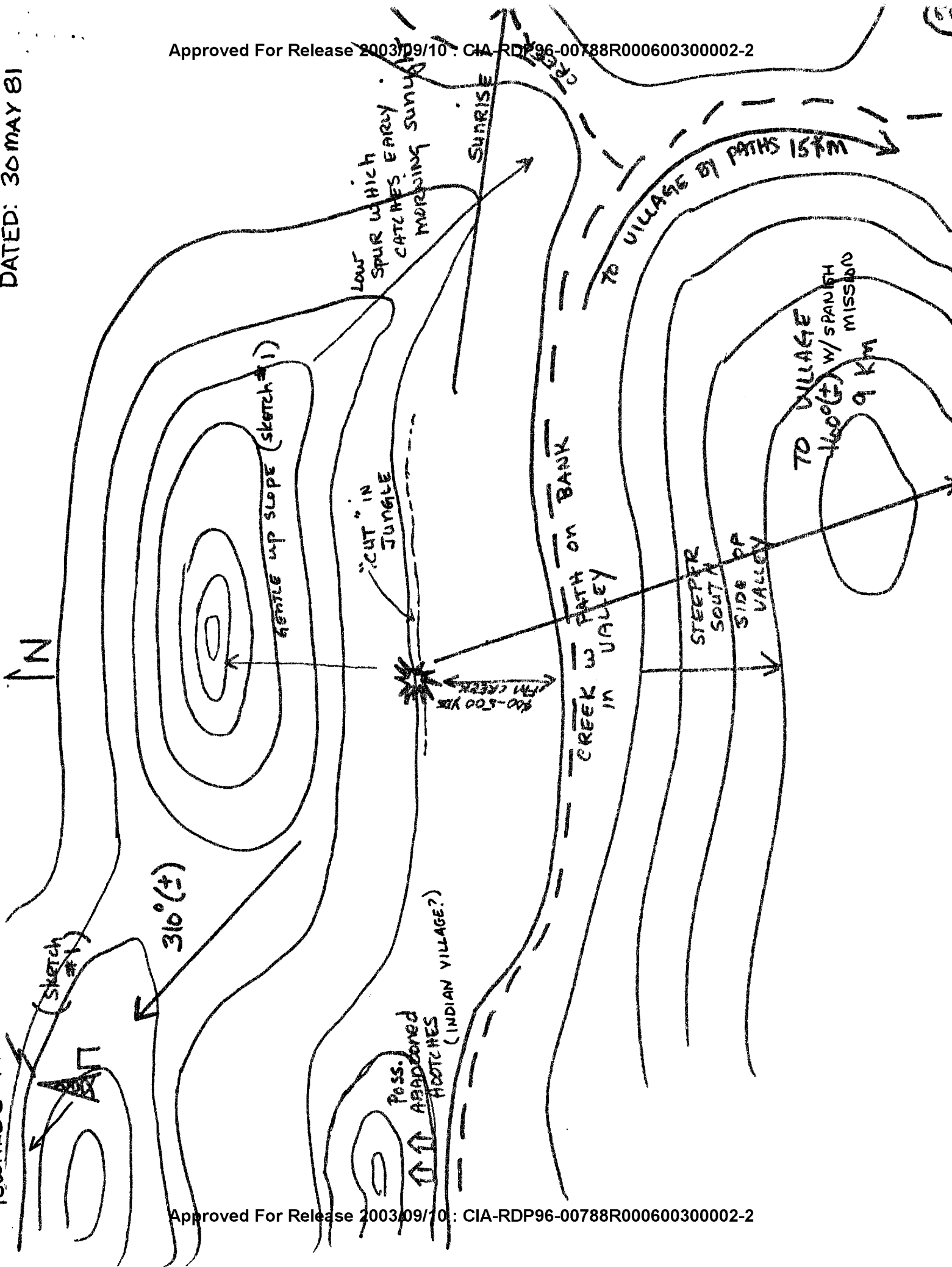
Looking uphill from
strip in tree tops
"cut" in
marks a
Narrow level
terrace

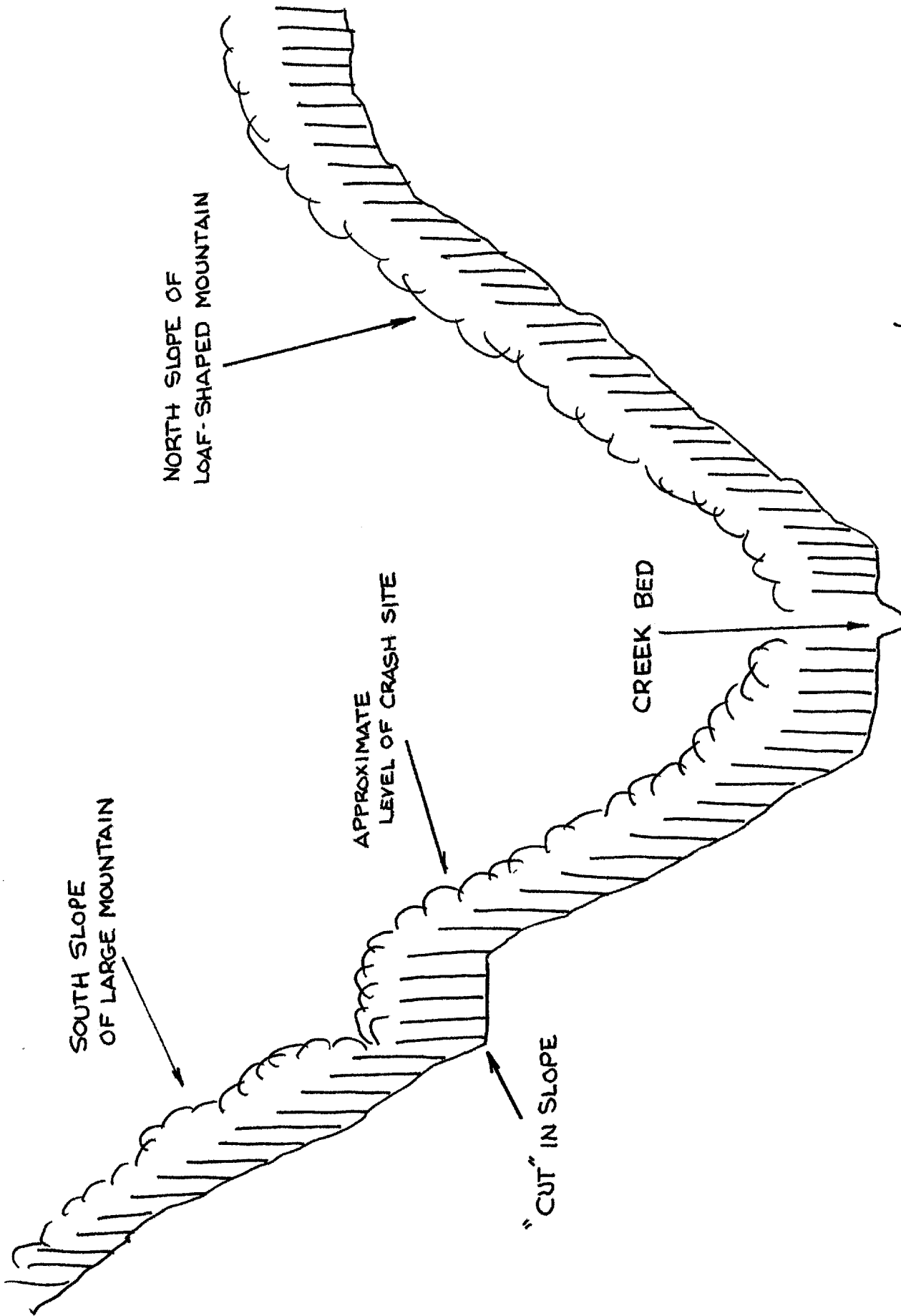
TO SMALL
HUTS

CREEK



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ARTIST'S CUTAWAY
CONCEPT

(see sketch #1, dated 30 MAY 81)